

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 6869

Investigation into the Town of Stowe Electric)
Department's Integrated Resource Plan)

Order entered: 6/2/2006

I. INTRODUCTION

This Docket concerns the integrated resource plan ("IRP") filed by the Town of Stowe Electric Department on July 14, 2003. A prehearing conference was held in this docket on September 8, 2003. Appearances were entered by Aaron Adler, Esq., for the Vermont Department of Public Service ("Department"), and William Piper, Esq., of Primmer Piper Eggleston & Cramer, P.C., for Stowe.

At the hearing, the Department and Stowe put forth a joint proposal that the fourteen municipal utilities represented by the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority ("VPPSA")¹ file a combined IRP in March, 2004. The proposal envisioned VPPSA aggregating the power supply information for all fourteen municipalities and addressing the specific situations of VPPSA's individual members in separate appendices to this joint filing.

The Department also requested that VPPSA perform additional probabilistic analyses. The parties believed that such actions would improve the quality of the resulting IRP process for VPPSA's members and increase administrative efficiency for all the parties involved. Stowe indicated at the prehearing conference that VPPSA had discussed this proposal with the majority

1. The 14 Municipal Utilities include: Barton Village Inc. Electric Department; Village of Enosburg Falls Water & Light Department; Town of Hardwick Electric Department; Village of Hyde Park Electric Department; Village of Jacksonville Electric Department; Village of Johnson Water & Light Department; Village of Ludlow Electric Light Department; Village of Lyndonville Electric Department; Village of Morrisville Water & Light Department; Village of Northfield Electric Department; Village of Orleans Electric Department; Town of Readsboro Electric Light Department; Town of Stowe Electric Department; and Swanton Village Inc. Electric Department.

of VPPSA's members, and that those members aware of the proposal had given their support to the idea.

On December 31, 2003, and March 15, 2004, VPPSA filed two sets of consolidated IRPs. The filing on December 31, 2003, reiterated the understanding, made at the September 8, 2003, prehearing conference, that Stowe's IRP would be considered during the review of the consolidated IRPs. No action has been taken on the VPSSA filings.

On May 2, 2006, a letter was filed by Stowe requesting that this Docket be closed.

On May 5, 2006, the Department filed a letter concurring that this Docket should be closed.

II. CONCLUSION

It has been more than two years since VPPSA filed the IRP under consideration in this docket. Considering the changes in the power market, and the fact that Stowe will be filing a new IRP, I find the parties' proposal to close this docket to be reasonable. Accordingly, I recommend that the Board adopt it.

This Proposal for Decision has been served on all parties to this proceeding in accordance with 3 V.S.A. § 811.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 31st day of May, 2006.

s/Ed McNamara
Ed McNamara
Hearing Officer

III. ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Public Service Board of the State of Vermont that:

1. The recommendation of the Hearing Officer is accepted.
2. This Docket shall be closed.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 2nd day of June, 2006.

<u>s/James Volz</u>)	
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<u>s/David C. Coen</u>)	BOARD
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OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: June 2, 2006

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson
Clerk of the Board

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Appeal of this decision to the Supreme Court of Vermont must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within thirty days. Appeal will not stay the effect of this Order, absent further Order by this Board or appropriate action by the Supreme Court of Vermont. Motions for reconsideration or stay, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within ten days of the date of this decision and order.